RESOLUTION INAUGURATING THE BIOSECURITY COMMITTEE

In a letter dated 28 August 2012, the State Secretary for Education, Culture and Science requested the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences to advise him on how to deal with "dual use research" in the life sciences. The Academy Board is inaugurating a Biosecurity Committee to prepare the relevant advisory report.

The Committee will build on the work carried out by the Academy’s Biosecurity Working Group, which drafted the 2007 report A Code of Conduct for Biosecurity.

**Article 1. The Committee’s tasks**
The Committee’s tasks are to draft the advisory report as summarised in the State Secretary’s letter (the letter can be found in the annex to this resolution). The Committee will ensure that a draft version of the advisory report – including changes it has made based on external peer reviews, see Article 3 – is submitted to the Academy Board no later than 22 August 2013, so that the report can be presented to the State Secretary in October 2013.

**Article 2. Composition and term**
The following persons are appointed to the Committee in a private capacity:

- **Chairperson:** Prof. Lous van Vloten-Doting
- **Other members:**
  - Prof. Roel Coutinho
  - Prof. Hans Franken
  - Prof. Bob de Graaff
  - Prof. André Knottnerus
  - Prof. Steven Lamberts
  - Prof. Jan Wilschut

The Committee has a secretariat. The Committee’s official secretary is Mr Jaap Kuiper, senior policy officer for the Academy Bureau. Its acting secretary is Dr Koos van der Bruggen (freelance).

The provisional term of the Committee will be until 1 November 2013.

**Article 3. Quality management**

Prior to their appointment, the members of the Committee and the secretariat familiarised themselves with the Code ter voorkoming van oneigenlijk beïnvloeding door belangenverstrengeling [Code of conduct to prevent inappropriate influence owing to conflicts of interests] and filled in and returned the Belangenverklaring [Declaration of interests] included in the Code. The peer review policy is described in Beleidskader Kwaliteitsborging Adviezen [Policy framework for quality assurance in advisory reports]. There will be no deviation from this policy.
Article 4. Follow-up and communication
Where necessary, the Committee will consider the most appropriate follow-up and communication concerning its findings, in consultation with the Academy Board and Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.

Article 5. Costs and remuneration
The Committee members will be reimbursed for their travel expenses in accordance with Article 18(2) of the Academy’s Regulations.

Article 6. Confidentiality
The Committee will treat as confidential all information that may be regarded as such and that becomes known to it within the context of this resolution.

Adopted in Amsterdam on 15 October 2012 by the Board of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

On behalf of the Academy Board
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Annex: Request for advice by Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, 28 August 2012